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SUBJ: COST AND IMPLEMENTATION OF UNHCR ASSISTANCE TO
INDOCHINA REFUGEES IN THAILAND

REF: A. BANGKOK 15704, PARAS. 1 AND 2, B. BANGKOK 15596
C. BANGKOK 15156

1. IN ORDER THAT IATF AND DEPT. MAY PLAN U.S. CONTRIBUTION
TO UNHCR-RTG PROGRAM DISCUSSED REFTELS, WE NEED AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE CLEAR ESTIMATE OF TAL COST OF RELIEF (INTERIM
CARE AND MAINTENANCE), LOCAL INTEGRATION, AND THIRD COUNTRY
RESETTLEMENT (EXCLUDING U.S.) OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES PRE-
SENTLY IN THAILAND. ESTIMATE SHOULD SHOW SEPARATELY COSTS
FOR LAO REFUGEES INCLUDING MEO AND BLACK THAI, AND VIET-
NAMESE AND KHMER REFUGEES, SINCE U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR
THESE WILL COME FROM SEPARATE FUNDS.

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2. ALTHOUGH AGREEMENT SIGNED BY RTG AND UNHCR JULY 30
(REF A) WAS FOR 62 MILLION BAHT (\$3.1 MILLION), IT SEEMS
TO BE FOR REFUGEE RELIEF ONLY, AND MAY BE FOR LIMITED PER-
IOD OF TIME. PLEASE CLARIFY. WE NOTE JAEGER-RIZVI STATE-

MENT CITED REF C THAT COST OF ENTIRE PROGRAM WOULD BE HIGHER THAN THE \$6.6 MILLION ORIGINALLY CALCULATED IN WASHINGTON.

3. WE NEED ALSO INDICATION OF HOW MUCH RTG WILL BE CONTRIBUTING AND IN WHAT FORM (LAND, LOCAL SERVICES, ETC.) AND HOW MUCH OF TOTAL COST WILL BE DEFRAIDED FROM CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. WITH THIS INFORMATION IN HAND, U.S. WILL BE PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY, THOUGH OUR SUPPORT OF ASSISTANCE TO LAO REFUGEES MAY BE DELAYED BECAUSE OF THE CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED 15-DAY WAITING PERIOD BEYOND NOTIFICATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE OF A DETERMINATION ORDER FOR LAO REFUGEE AID.

5. GIVEN THE URGENCY OF PROVIDING RELIEF, WE HOPE THAT PROGRAM CAN BE GOTTEN UNDER WAY WELL BEFORE THE FOUR WEEKS WHICH RIZVI IS REPORTED AS PREDICTING IN REF A. YOU SHOULD RAISE THIS WITH UNHCR AS A MATTER OF URGENCY. KISSINGER

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